wholesale Price Index remained at double digit level between 15th November, 1994 to 8th April, 1995. Thereafter the inflation rate declined to the single digit level gradually and continuously reaching 7.7% in the week ending 8th July, 1995.

(d) A number of policy initiatives to contain inflation were introduced late last year. As part of supply management policy a number of steps were taken to ensure availability of essential commodities such as foodgrains, edible oils, sugar and pulses through open market sale, liberal imports under OGL and reduction or waiving of import duty. On the demand side the monetary policy measures taken were meant to bring about moderation in monetary and credit growth.

Pending proposals for power plants in Orissa

244. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals pending with Government for setting up of power plants in Orissa as on 30th June, 1995;

(b) the installed capacities of these plants; and

(c) what are the details of stages at which the proposals are pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (c) The following proposals have been received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for accord of techno-economic clearance as on 30th June, 1995:—

S.No.	Name of Project	Type	Capacity (MW)
1.	Sindol	Hydro	320
2.	Addl. Power Generation at Hirakud and Chiplima (Hirakud B & Chiplima B)	Hydro	(4×52) + (4×50) = 208 = 200
3.	Talcher STPP St. II	Thermal	4 × 500

The project authorities have been requested to obtain all clearances and establish the requisite inputs linkages for consideration of the projects by CEA for accord of techno-economic clearance.

Proposal for developing Shirdi for International Tourism

245. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Maharashtra for developing Shirdi (Saibaba) for International tourism, if so, what is Government's reaction to the proposal; and

(b) whether a proposal for the construction an aerodrome at Shirdi (Saibaba) is under Government's consideration, if so, what is the progress made on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) State Government of Maharashtra had submited Shirdi Development Plan. The Committee on Pilgrim Tourism identified only the development of an airport at Shirdi and a wayside facility at Tryambak.

(b) The State Government of Maharashtra have a proposal for construction of an aerodrome at Shirdi for

50-seater type of aircraft. The site for the purpose has been identified by the State Government and found suitable by Airports Authority of India.

विदेशी टी.वी. द्वारा प्रसारित कार्यक्रमों के प्रभाव

246. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरीः** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या सरकार ने विदेशी टी.वी. द्वारा भारत में प्रसारित कार्यक्रमों के दुष्प्रभावों के आकलन हेतु कोई अध्ययन कराया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके परिणाम क्या हैं और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री के.पी. सिंह देव): (क) और (ख) अध्ययन करने वाली एजेंसी द्वारा प्रस्तुत रिपोर्ट की जांच की जा रही है।

Availability and Export of Hank Yarn

247. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article by Shri L.C Jain, former Member of the Planning Commission in Economic Times of 3rd March, 1995 regarding non-availability and high prices of hank yarn; and

(b) the quantum of yarn exported during the last year and during this year so far?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantum of cotton yarn exported during the last calender year while was 216.99 million kgs., the quantum of cotton yarn exported this year till May, 1995 is 91.95 million kgs.

Quantity of Exported Textile Items

248. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of textile items exported during the last three years and their value year-wise;

(b) what quantity of cotton was used in these exported textiles, year-wise details thereof; and

(c) the rates of cotton in domestic and international market, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (b) The export of textile items, excluding handicrafts, jute and coir, during the last three years were as follows:

Value in Million US Dollar

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Readymade Garments	3052.47	3713.65	4433.83
Cotton textiles	1678.64	2008.86	2783.14
Man-made fibre textiles	495.92	587.81	784.59
Silk Textiles	253.51	251.63	298.52
Woollen textiles	146.00	192.92	171.20

Neither quantity-wise exports nor the quantity of Cotton used in the textile items are maintained.

(c) The domestic prices of different varieties of Cotton for the last three years were as follows: